

REMARKS


This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 27, 2006. Claims 1-3, 7-12 and 36 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 7 and 36 being in independent form. Claims 4-6 have been canceled. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claim 36 has been allowed and that Claims 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in allowable form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have now canceled Claim 6 and the allowable subject matter from Claim 6 (which depended from Claim 5, which depended from Claim 4) has been incorporated into Claim 1, thus making Claim 1 and its dependent claims allowable. The section 103 rejection of claim 1 is therefore rendered moot. In addition, Claim 7 has been placed in independent form and Claim 9 was amended to correct its dependency.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in a condition for allowance and therefore Applicants request that a notice of allowance be issued. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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